

**LINDSEY SMITH
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
MARCH 2009**

I would like to nominate an employee at the Animal Shelter who, without a doubt, has the most unglamorous, physically exhaustive and emotionally destructive job in the entire city. However, it is the most important job in the entire operation of the Animal Services Division. Her name is Lindsey Smith and her job is the Lead Shelter Technician for the Animal Shelter.

Lindsey is responsible for the care and maintenance of all of the animals that come through our facility. Lindsey supervises two other technicians who assist her in this challenging but extremely important responsibility. Lindsey has been with the Animal Shelter for three years, all in the capacity of a shelter technician.

Lindsey was promoted to Lead Shelter Technician because of her excellent work habits, her high level of character, and she's always here to do her job. Lindsey never takes time off and has on occasion been scheduled off by her supervisor to save her sanity. Lindsey loves her job and is dedicated to the animals that she serves. Lindsey spends countless hours, in addition to her cleaning and feeding responsibilities, getting the word out about all the shelter animals that are available for adoption. She photographs all the dogs and cats and posts them on three different websites. She provides a short but effective description naming the animal and providing behavioral attributes that help the potential adopter decide. The adoptions through our website have been successful because of her extra efforts.

Lindsey and her crew are also responsible for the necessary but most unfortunate aspect of the job, and that is euthanasia. Lindsey's efforts of advertising the animals on various websites and the ability to help customers who come into the shelter looking for a pet to adopt, have saved the lives of many animals that would have been euthanized.

Lindsey never complains about her job other than she's unable to find **all** of the animals a home. I appreciate Lindsey's dedication to her work and the desire to help every animal that comes through the shelter. We, as an organization, are better because of her dedication and great desire to serve.

It's with great pleasure I nominate her for employee of the month. She could be nominated every month and it wouldn't be enough.

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